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TO: JACKSON (157-9586) AND MEMPHIS

FROM: INDIANAPOLIS (157-NEW) (RUC) 2P

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RE JACKSON TEL TO MEMPHIS AND INDIANAPOLIS TODAY.

FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED TODAY BY SA. HERBERT T.

BRADSHAW AND SA. WILLIAM R. LISTON.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC(157-9586)

FROM : SA HAROLD M. RATCHFORD

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/8/68

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Review of the files of the Jackson Office reflect the following information re BILLY RAY KING, aka BILLY KING:

44-1-3023

BILLY RAY KING, W/M, RFD. 5, Carthage, Mississippi, was issued a ticket on 5/30/62 for speeding at Philadelphia, Miss.

44-1-3026

Reflects KING employed in a filling station Carthage, Miss., his mother's name is DOLLY KING.

157-8802*

Reflects a 157 master re one BILLY KING, however, name of JIMMY KING appears in informant's report.

A review of the above files failed to reflect any ~~particular~~ detail information. Review of files reflect that individuals mentioned above are not identical with BILLY RAY KING contained in file 157-9586.

Review of indices of Jackson Office failed to reflect ~~any~~ any information re WILLIAM WHITE as being identical with alias of BILLY RAY KING.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, JACKSON

FROM NEW ORLEANS

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 4-7-68

FROM : SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES

SUBJECT: MURKIN

CARSIE HALL, President, Jackson Branch, NAACP, 121 North Farrish Street, Jackson, Mississippi, telephone number 948-4579, telephonically contacted this office at 6:50 PM on instant date and furnished the following information:

EVELENN ROBINS had telephoned him a few minutes earlier and advised him that she had seen a white male get out of ~~a~~ a small white car, bearing Shelby County, Tennessee license KN 4264 and go into the Downtowner Motel in Jackson, Mississippi. She stated this individual resembled the sketch of ~~the~~ Unsub ~~in~~ which appeared in the newspaper. *Indy*

HALL stated he did not know the address of ROBINS nor did he have her telephone number.

Above information furnished to SA EDGAR L. MARTIN at 7:15 PM.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 4-7-68

FROM : SA EDGAR L. MARTIN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE memo of SA BEN GRAVES dated 4-7-68.

On 4-7-68, Maxine Delbuono, night desk clerk, Downtowner Motel, Jackson advised she registered a man by the name of Fred P. Thorne, 1580 Channel, street of Memphis, Tenn., He was driving a 1968 white Tempest Pontiac with Tenn. license KN 4264. This man registered for two nights. *Delay*

Mrs. Delbuono also advised that Mr. Thorne was employed by the underwriters Salvage Company of Memphis according to her card in her files.

Mrs. Delbuono furnished the following description of Mr. Thorne:

Name: Fred P. Thorne
Ht: 5'10"
Wt: 140
Hair: Dark and had a bald spot in back of head.
Room: 719
age: 48

Artis Geeston, night bell hop, advised he recalls the man in 719 and that he believed him to be about 50, 5'9", 140, dark hair and very well dressed.

Both of the above persons advised Mr. Thorne had left the motel and had not returned. He left with a yellow ford bearing Mississippi license.

Both Mrs. Delbuono, and Mr. Geeston leave work at 11 p.m. and had not seen Mr. Thorne return. A check was made at room 719 and there was no one there.

Arrangements have been made to check with the above after 3p.m. on 4-8-68, to obtain any further information they may have concerning Mr. Thorne.

If above negative Mr. Thorne will be interviewed at this time.

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3:55PM 4-7-68 URGENT CPO
TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS /44-1897/ NEW HAVEN, KANSAS CITY /44-760/

AND JACKSON.

FROM CHARLOTTE /44-1365/

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TO MEMPHIS (44-1987) & *Birmingham*

FROM JACKSON (157-9586)

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RE MILWAUKEE TELETYPE TO MEMPHIS, *Birmingham,* AND JACKSON INSTANT DATE.

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TO MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM AND JACKSON
FROM MILWAUKEE (44-388)

MURKIN; CR. 00 MEMPHIS.

JOHN BREMPPELL, STANDARD SERVICE STATION ATTENDANT, TWO SEVEN ZERO FIVE W. CLYBOURN, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THAT MAN ANSWERING NEWSPAPER DESCRIPTION AND ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF UNSUB APPEARED AT ABOVE STATION AT SEVEN FORTY PM TODAY DRIVING LIGHT BLUE SIXTYSIX OR SIXTYSEVEN FORD BEARING MISSISSIPPI LICENSE TWO F F FIVE ONE FIVE. BREMPPELL DESCRIBED DRIVER AS WM, TWENTYSEVEN TO THIRTY, SIX FEET, ONE SIX ZERO LBS., LONG NOSE AND CHIN, SANDY HAIR, DRESSED COWBOY BOOTS, BLUE JEANS, CHECKERED COAT.

JACKSON IMMEDIATELY CONDUCT LICENSE CHECK, DETERMINE
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841PM IMMEDIATE 4/7/68 PJR

TO MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM AND JACKSON
FROM MILWAUKEE (44-388)

MURKIN; CR. OO MEMPHIS.

JOHN BREMPELL, STANDARD SERVICE STATION ATTENDANT, TWO SEVEN ZERO FIVE W. CLYBOURN, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THAT MAN ANSWERING NEWSPAPER DESCRIPTION AND ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF UNSUB APPEARED AT ABOVE STATION AT SEVEN FORTY PM TODAY DRIVING LIGHT BLUE SIXTYSIX OR SIXTYSEVEN FORD BEARING MISSISSIPPI LICENSE TWO F F FIVE ONE FIVE. BREMPELL DESCRIBED DRIVER AS WM, TWENTYSEVEN TO THIRTY, SIX FEET, ONE SIX ZERO LBS., LONG NOSE AND CHIN, SANDY HAIR, DRESSED COWBOY BOOTS, BLUE JEANS, CHECKERED COAT.

JACKSON IMMEDIATELY CONDUCT LICENSE CHECK, DETERMINE IF SIGNIFICANT AND FURNISH PERTINENT DATA TO INTERESTED OFFICES. P.

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CANVAS OF BROOKHAVEN PD AND LINCOLN COUNTY SO, NEGATIVE.

ERNEST WILSON, MC COMB, MISS., WHO TRAVELES IN EIGHT SOUTH
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FROM: JACKSON (157-9586)

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ANNONYMOUS CALL RECEIVED THIS DATE FROM ASSUMED NEGRO MALE, STATING
 WAS CALLING FOR FRIEND WHO HAD OVERHEARD TELEPHONE CONVERSATION
 ON PARTY LINE. CALL ALLEGELY MADE FROM JACKSON TO INDIANA AREA CODE
 THREE ONE SEVEN TWO EIGHT TWO THREE NINE ZERO ONE.

ALLEGED CONVERSATION TO EFFECT THAT CALLER HAD LEFT MEMPHIS APRIL
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 GOTTEN RID OF VEHICLE TRAVELING IN, AND HAD RENTED LODGING.

THE WORD "KING" WAS MENTIONED SEVERAL TIMES DURING CONVERSATION.

ANNONYMOUS CALLER STATED FRIEND WOULD NOT IDENTIFY SELF TO FBI,
 AS FEARED FOR SAFETY.

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TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, NEW ORLEANS AND JACKSON
FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) 3PP

MURKINN

ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS PD RECEIVED ANONYMOUS CALL APRIL SEVEN
INSTANT, INDIVIDUAL WEARING GOLD COLORED CLOTHING AT FORT ARMSTRONG
HOTEL CARRYING GUNS OR SHOT AT SOMEONE OR HAD BEEN IN MEMPHIS WHEN
VICTIM KILLED. THE COMMENTS NOT CLEAR. DETECTIVES LOCATED BILLY
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454PM URGENT 4/7/68 CAF
TO DIRECTOR AND JACKSON
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 1P

MURKIN.

[REDACTED] SMYRNA, TENNESSEE, AN ADMITTED FORMER
MEMBER OF KKK, ADVISED APRIL SIX LAST THAT HE DESIRES REWARD
IN THIS CASE BUT WISHES HIS NAME BE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

[REDACTED] CLAIMS THAT ABOUT FOUR YEARS AGO HE KNEW ONE
WILLIAM ROSE, WHITE MALE, TWENTYSEVEN TO THIRTY YEARS, FIVE
FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SIXTYFIVE POUNDS, STRAWBERRY
BLOND HAIR, WHO WAS THEN EMPLOYED AS A MACHINIST AT GREENVILLE,
MISSISSIPPI, AND RESIDED IN THAT CITY.

[REDACTED] CLAIMS ROSE OFTEN MENTIONED A FRIEND, (FNU)
WILLAND, ALSO OF GREENVILLE. [REDACTED] BELIEVES ROSE AND WILLAND
WERE BOTH KKK MEMBERS. [REDACTED] BELIEVES ROSE CAPABLE OF
VIOLENCE AND BELIEVES POSSIBLE HE MAY HAVE MURDERED KING.

JACKSON ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY, LOCATE AND ELIMINATE WILLIAM
ROSE. P.

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FBI BIRMGHAM.

923PM URGENT 4-6-68 HEP
TO JACKSON AND MOBILE
FROM BIRMINGHAM 1P

MURKIN

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RE JACKSON TELEPHONE CALL TO BIRMINGHAM TODAY TO DETERMINE
WHEREABOUTS JAMES MC KAY, BOMBING SUSPECT JACKSON DIVISION, AT
SIX PM, APRIL FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT; AND BIRMINGHAM TELEPHONE CALL
TO MOBILE TODAY.

INQUIRY INDICATES MC KAY WAS DIRECTED TO MOBILE, ALABAMA.

MOBILE SHOULD CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION AS REQUESTED

IN REFERENCED TELEPHONE CALL.

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RO MEMPHIS AND JACKSON
FROM DENVER 157-203

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RACIAL MATTERS.

DOYLE MAY, SALES MANAGER JOHNNIE HARPER FORD, WHEATRIDGE,
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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

ASSASSTNATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., RM.

RETELCALL SAC JENSEN, MEMPHIS, APRIL SIX INSTANT.

THE FOLLOWING MOTELS AFFILIATED WITH FRIENDSHIP INN

CHECKED THIS DATE FOR PERIOD IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO

APRIL FOUR LAST FOR NAMES OF JOHN WILLARD, HARVEY

LOWMEYER AND WILLIAM J. LEHMEYER, WITH NEGATIVE

RESULTS: COLUMBUS MOTEL, COLUMBUS, SOUTHERN MOTEL,

CORINTH, GILHARA MOTEL, GREENVILLE, NAAMAN MOTEL,

GREENWOOD, DUMAS MOTEL, HATTIESBURG, TOWNHOUSE MOTEL,

TUPELO, MARSHALL MOTEL, ALL MISSISSIPPI.

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TO MEMPHIS

FROM JACKSON (157-9586)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

FROM : SA JOHN L. PUDDISTER (P)

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN
LUTHER KING, JR.
RM

DATE: 4/6/68

At 3:28 P.M. SAC JENSEN, Memphis, telephonically advised that the bar of Cashmire Bouquet Soap found in the subject's bag contained a Friendship Inn wrapper. The SAC said a list was obtained of Friendship Inn Associated Motels in Mississippi and furnished same as follows:

- ✓Columbus Motel - Columbus (GORMAN advised 3:35 P.M.)
- ✓Southern Motel - Corinth (HONAN advised 3:45 P.M.)
- ✓Gilhara - Greenville (MEARNS advised 4:10 P.M.)
- ✓Naaman - Greenwood (BODMAN advised 4:17 P.M.)
- ✓Dumas - Hattiesburg - *5:45 PM*
- ✓Townhouse - Tupelo (HONAN advised 3:45 P.M.)
- ✓Marshall Motel - West Point (GORMAN advised 3:35 P.M.)

Attempts to contact SA EDGAR L. FORTENBERRY and SA J. L. MARTIN negative at 4:35 P.M.

At 4:36 P.M. SA HONAN advised that Southern Motel in Corinth and the Townhouse at Tupelo were negative.

SAC JENSEN's instructions were to contact the above motels and check registrations for the period immediately prior to April 4, 1968, for the names JOHN WILLARD, HARVEY LOWMEYER, and WILLIAM J. LEHMEYER. LEHMEYER allegedly purchased airlines ticket from Birmingham to Minneapolis on Monday, April 1, 1968.

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Resident Agents listed above were contacted at the time indicated and instructed to handle immediately.

Continued attempts are being made to contact Hattiesburg RAs.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 4/6/68

FROM : SA THOMAS FITZPATRICK

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN
LUTHER KING, JR. -
RM
(00: Memphis)

On 4/6/68 [redacted]

[redacted] Jackson, a former neighbor-
hood source of the Jackson Division, regarding
Klansmen in the Myrtlewood Street vicinity, advised
as follows:

She advised her husband, [redacted]

[redacted] had stopped at a truck stop in Brookhaven,
Miss., managed or operated by a Mrs. MARTIN, on the
late evening of 4/4/68, and overheard a conversation
that one JESSE KIMBELL or KIMBALL, a white male, from
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Memorandum

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TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 4/6/68

FROM : SA THOMAS FITZPATRICK

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN
LUTHER KING, JR. -
RM
(00: Memphis)

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FROM: JACKSON (157-9586)

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JR.; RM.

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BIRMINGHAM, AT TUSCALOOSA, ALA. DETERMINE

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Special Agent in Charge

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FROM : SA JAMES F. BODMAN

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF DR.
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LEAD:

JACKSON DIVISION

AT GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI

Will maintain contact with BARRENTINE and review DE LA BECKWITH's daily report for 4/4/68 for pertinent period and set out lead to Florida.

SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

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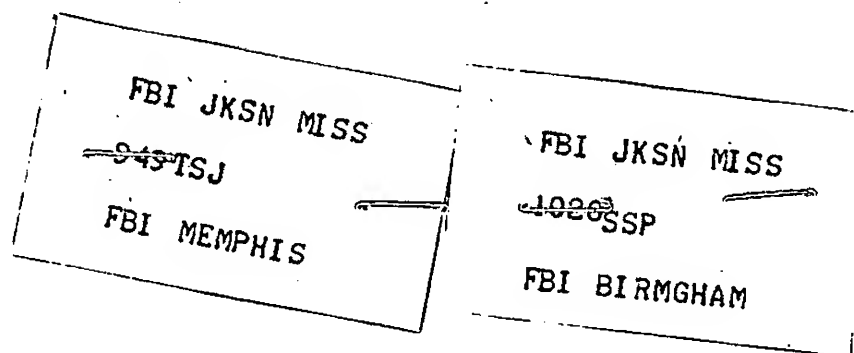
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FROM: JACKSON (157-9586)

ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.;

RM.

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WAS OBSERVED IN MUSTANG SPEAKING INTO CB MICROPHONE.
LICENSE NUMBER ON WHITE MUSTANG WAS SHELBY CO. B (?)
FOUR FOUR FOUR SEVEN OR FOUR FOUR FOUR EIGHT.

ABOVE WAS IMMEDIATELY TELEPHONICALLY FURNISHED
TO MEMPHIS FOR INVESTIGATIVE ASSISTANCE.

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BIRMINGHAM

AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

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AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Memphis previously furnished photographs to exhibit to appropriate persons.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN
LUTHER KING, JR. -
RM

Enclosed for Birmingham are two (2) copies
of a photograph of BYRON DE LA BECKWITH.

BECKWITH is subject of Bufile 157-3744 and
Bureau conducted extensive investigation of BECKWITH in
June, 1963 in the murder of MEDGAR EVERS, National Asso-
ciation for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
Field Secretary, Jackson, Mississippi, who was slain on
June 12, 1963. BECKWITH was arrested by Bureau Agents
June 22, 1963, for the murder, and was tried on two
occasions at Jackson, and on each occasion, the jury was
unable to reach a verdict.

Memphis has background on subject, and
Jackson has forwarded photographs of BECKWITH to Memphis
in this matter.

BECKWITH described as white male, born
November 9, 1920, Sacramento, California, 5' 10", 170
pounds, dark hair, olive complexion, medium build,
resides 101 Dewey Avenue, Greenwood, Mississippi, and
is employed as sales representative for Barrentine
Manufacturing Co., Inc., Greenwood, Mississippi. He has

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DATE: 4/5/68

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TO DIRECTOR , JACKSONVILLE, NEW ORLEANS AND MEMPHIS
FROM JACKSON (157-9586)3P
ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RM.

RE JACKSONVILLE TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, JACKSON, NEW ORLEANS,
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1034 AM URGENT 4/5/68 MHM

TO DIRECTOR, JACKSON, NEW ORLEANS, MEMPHIS
FROM JACKSONVILLE /157-1534/ 3P

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON

DATE: 4-5-68

FROM : SA WILLIAM W. PRICE, JR.

SUBJECT: UNSUB; Shooting of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING
RM

At 9:15 PM; 4-4-68, the Agent observed that the car of L. E. MATTHEWS, JR., was not at his home at RFD Florence, Miss. Two pickup trucks, believed to belong to MATTHEWS, were parked at the house, but no automobiles were observed on the premises.

An earlier telephone call to the home of MATTHEWS girl friend, ELAINE SMITH, reflected she was not at home and was not expected until later in the evening. Information previously received reflected that MATTHEWS planned to see his girl friend on the evening of 4-4-68.

At 10:10 PM a telephone call to MATTHEWS residence was answered by a person believed to be his son, who advised that MATTHEWS was not at home, but was expected shortly. The person said that MATTHEWS had been at home during the early part of the evening. It will be noted that information was received by SA KEUTZER on the evening of 4-4-68, that MATTHEWS was at home between six and seven PM.

BILLY CARR, rear of 601 East Leake Street, Clinton, Miss., was contacted at 11:10 PM, 4-4-68, and advised he was in the Clinton area during the afternoon of 4-4-68, had dinner during the early evening, and had been at his home the rest of the evening.

A telephone call to the residence of JAMES M. HOWARD, 2882 Terry Road, Jackson, Miss., telephone #372-8430, was answered by MIKE HOWARD, who advised that CHARLES ROBERT GREENE does not reside at that address, but visits there from time to time. HOWARD said GREENE never spends the night at that address. HOWARD said he did not know the whereabouts of GREENE, had not seen him during the evening, and had no idea where he might be contacted. He said he does not know where GREENE lives.

LEAD: *4-5-68 Done with*

Contact CHARLES GREENE at McPHAIL'S Gulf Service Station, West Capitol and Ellis Avenue, and ascertain his whereabouts during the pertinent period of 4-4-68. Also definitely ascertain his present residence address.

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1 157-4096 (L. E. MATTHEWS)

1 157-3129 (BILLY CARR)

1 157-6351 (CHARLES GREENE)

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Info from WHITNEY STUART:

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MANUEL MARKUS LEVIN resides 1423 Magee Ave., Philadelphia, Penn., born 7/2/45 at Philadelphia. 5'7", 150 lbs., green eyes, brown hair, entered Ole Miss Law School 1966, currently resides No. 750 Kincannon Dormitory. No disciplinary record. Attended undergraduate school at Penn State where he belonged to the Arab Club, India Association and Hillel Association, all at Penn. State. He drives 1965 Dodge Dart, yellow in color, 4' door, bearing Penn. License 978-OIL.

ALEX HERDER (orig. name given) - at present time there is no such person enrolled at Ole Miss. and records fail reflect anyone by that name ever at Ole Miss, but there is a DAVID ALAN HERKNER who resides 2854 Brighton, Shaker Heights, Ohio, born 4/3/45 at Cleveland, Ohio, 5'10", 200 pounds, blue eyes, brown hair, he is a senior at Ole Miss. having entered September, 1965. Resides Pine Circle, Oxford. Attended Muskegan located at New Concord, Ohio, 1963-65. Also part time student 1965 at John Carroll University located in University Heights, Ohio. Also attended in 1965 Cuyahoga Community College, Cleveland, Ohio. Presently on disciplinary probation for having alcoholic beverages on campus. Drives 1961 Chevrolet Convertible, Ohio License EH3357.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

FROM : SA BRENT W. WARBERG

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
RM

DATE: 4/5/68

The following investigation was conducted on 4/5/68 at Columbus, Mississippi, by SA's BRENT W. WARBERG and LAWRENCE W. GORMAN:

TOMMY HARROLSON, manager and owner, G and H Liggett Rexall Drugstore, gave the following information:

HARROLSON stated that cash-register receipts for cash purchases made in his drugstore are automatically dated by the cash register. He stated that each cash-register receipt carries the title

G & H
Rexall Drug
Columbus, Miss.

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Drug Store is located Main Intersection
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East + Highway 82. In Center of town.
No motels or Service Stations in immediate
Area.

Well motels, Hotels + Service Stations
Contacted re JOHN WILLARD + Neg.

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TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : SA LEON ROSS GRABEN

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF DOCTOR
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
RM

At 9:56 A.M., this date, Dr. GILBERT R. MASON, Biloxi, Miss., who is head of the NAACP in the Biloxi area, telephonically contacted SA LEON ROSS GRABEN at the Gulfport, Mississippi, RA, and advised that approximately three minutes prior to his call, he had received an anonymous telephone call from a female who asked if he was Dr. MASON, and after he replied that he was, the female told him he would be interested in telephone number 772-9332, Brownsville, Tennessee. Dr. MASON stated that based on the female's voice, he was unable to determine whether or not the caller was a white or Negro female, and when he attempted to make inquiry with the caller, she hung up.

Dr. MASON stated he was furnishing this information to the FBI for their information, and any action deemed appropriate.

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SA JOHN H. PROCTOR, JR.

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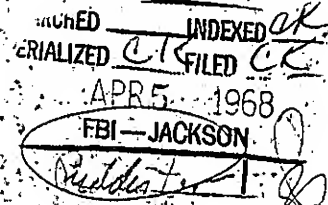
AT MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI

On 4/4/68, JOE DANIEL HAWKINS and WILLIAM T. PICKEL were observed traveling in a 1962 two-door red Chevrolet bearing Hinds County license H-21640, arrived at BILL GORDON's Barber Shop, Ninth Street and between 21st and 22nd Avenues, Meridian, Miss., at 8:15 PM. Both PICKEL and HAWKINS were observed by the writer attending a National States Rights Party Meeting in BILL GORDON's Barber Shop, and having guest speaker J. B. STONER. This meeting broke up at 10:15 PM and HAWKINS and PICKEL departed the barber shop at approximately 10:22 PM, entered their car, and drove approximately three blocks onto a one-way street the wrong way where they were arrested by two Detectives from the Meridian PD. They were charged with traveling the wrong way on a one way street and two pistols were located in their automobile (not concealed). They were released by the Meridian PD shortly before midnight and departed the Meridian area toward Jackson, Miss.

- 1 - 157-3307 (JOE DANIEL HAWKINS)
- 1 - 157-3707 (WILLIAM T. PICKEL)
- 1 - 174-135
- 1 - BOMBING SUSPECT CONTROL FILE (174-50)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-3707)

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS

SUBJECT: WILLIAM T. PICKEL; RM (Klan)
CLARIFICATION OF WHEREABOUTS
OF WILLIAM T. PICKEL ON APRIL
4, 1968

On 4/5/68, Mr. TOM C. ROBBINS, Director of the Highway Commission, Room 711, State Office Building, Jackson, Miss., advised SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS that WILLIAM T. PICKEL, employed by the State Highway Department at the State Office Building in Jackson, was present in the building between 4:00 P.M., and 5:00 P.M., on April 4, 1968. Mr. ROBBINS said he personally verified this through fellow workers of PICKEL, a Mr. LITTLE and a Mr. CANTEBERRY.

Mr. ROBBINS advised that he had recently been contacted by Governor JOHN BELL WILLIAMS regarding WILLIAM T. PICKEL, and the Governor indicated that the FBI had information on PICKEL which might cause him to be considered undesirable for continued employment by the State of Mississippi. Mr. ROBBINS requested that he be contacted on April 8, 1968, for an appointment, so that he could obtain whatever information was available concerning PICKEL.

A separate memorandum has been prepared verifying that WILLIAM T. PICKEL was arrested at Meridian, Miss., on a traffic charge during the evening of April 4, 1968.

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TO : SAC (157-9586)

DATE: 4-5-68

FROM : SA THOMPSON BERRY WEBB

SUBJECT: ASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING
RM

The writer talked with HOLLAND "RED" HILTON at his residence at 7:50 pm on the night of 4-4-68 to determine his whereabouts at 6 PM on this date. He advised that he has been ill and had been in bed from late in the afternoon until the writer's contact.

KINARD HENSARLING, Siwell Road, also of Jackson was telephonically contacted at 7:55 pm. He stated he had left the Clarion Ledger after getting off from work after 5 pm and come to his home, done chores, had dinner and had not been away from his residence.

(SIMMONS SHELTON of the Clarion Ledger, brother in law of the writer, advised that he saw HENSARLING in the business office of the paper after 3 pm on this date, has been searching for a photograph of HENSARLING at the paper and in his personal party pictures but had not locate one to date. He reiterated that based on his having known HENSARLING for years, having ridden home with him on a number of occasion, and his above average intelligence, he still finds it hard to believe that HENSARLING is a klansman.)

In connection with HILTON, information was received earlier in the week that HILTON in addition to having recently had a heart attack, has terminal cancer, returned to work for a few hours a day this past Monday 4-1-68, and is in very poor health.

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On 4-5-68 at Jackson, Miss. File # 157-9586-20
SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES and
 by SA WILLIAM W. PRICE, JR. WWP/wwp Date dictated 4-5-68

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : SA JAMES F. BODMAN

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
RM

A march occurred in Greenwood, Miss., Broad Street Playground to Courthouse, a memorial for Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. It was attended by approximately 500 individuals and was led by the local clergy, the Rev. JOHNSON, Rev. KIMBALL, and Rev. WALKER, and a Father NATHANIEL. There was a meeting consisting of prayers and singing and the meeting at the courthouse lasted for 31 minutes, from 2:35 p.m. to 3:06 p.m., and afterwards the group proceeded peacefully and orderly to Broad Street and dispersed. No arrests and no disturbances.

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Memorandum

TO : FILE (157-9586)

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : ASAC ELMER F. LINBERG

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
RM

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The above is for information and possible use in today's summary teletype.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-7421)

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : SA Jerry R. Parker

SUBJECT: JIMMY GARLAND COPELAND
RM - KLAN

At 8:30 P.M., 4/4/68, [FOIA(b)7 - (D)] advised this agent that he worked with the captioned subject on 4/4/68.

Source further advised that COPELAND was at the Source's house from approximately 5:45 P.M. to 6:15 P.M.; source advised that he remembered the time because the evening news was on television.

Source advised that COPELAND was seen by the source's wife at approximately 7:00 P.M., driving down McDowell Road, and was not seen again all evening by the source.

On this date, Source's wife advised that she had just spoken to COPELAND's wife, and the wife claimed that she and COPELAND were at a revival meeting at a Pentacostal Church somewhere off of Terry Road, returning home at approximately 1 A.M. this date.

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by SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES and
SA WILLIAM W. PRICE, JR. WWP/wwp

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4-5-68

Mr. A. G. McPHAIL, owner, McPHAIL'S Gulf Service Station, corner West Capitol Street and Ellis Avenue, advised that CHARLES ROBERT GREENE is employed by him as a service station attendant.

Mr. McPHAIL stated that GREENE was on the job at the service station on April 4, 1968, and that he knows he was working at the station between the hours of 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM on April 4, 1968.

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TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : SA ERNEST M. COCHRANE

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF REVEREND
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,
4/4/68
RM

On 4/4/68, Mr. HORACE ASHFORD was contacted and he advised he is the Secretary and Program Chairman of the Southwest Jackson Kiwanis Club. He stated that at 12 noon on instant date, RICHARD BARRETT spoke to the meeting of the Kiwanis Club at Paul's Restaurant on Highway 51 North. The meeting lasted until approximately 1:10 p.m. at which time BARRETT departed.

Mr. CHARLIE SMITH, City Editor, Clarion-Ledger, on 4/4/68, advised that sometime after 1:00, RICHARD BARRETT had dropped by the Office of the Clarion-Ledger and left a press release which in essence stated that he had spoken to the meeting of the Kiwanis Club at Paul's Restaurant on Highway 51 North at noon on 4/4/68.

Confidential Source FOIA(b)7 - (D) was contacted and advised that he had not been in contact with RICHARD BARRETT since Monday night 4/1/68. Source stated that he had been repeatedly calling the residence of RICHARD BARRETT but had been unsuccessful in reaching him as of 8:00 p.m., 4/4/68.

Source telephonically advised at approximately 8:20 p.m., 4/4/68, that he had been in telephonic contact with RICHARD BARRETT and had determined from BARRETT that he, BARRETT, had been out attempting to "mooch" a meal and he, BARRETT, was now at his residence located at 171 Horseshoe Circle.

A suitable pretext call was made to the residence of RICHARD BARRETT at approximately 8:30 p.m. and it was determined through this pretext that he was at his residence. 157-9586-14

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Mr. HENRY IVY, attendant, McPhail's Gulf Service Station, West Capitol Street and Ellis Avenue, advised that he and CHARLES ROBERT GREENE were on duty at the service station on April 4, 1968, and that they were both on duty during the period 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on April 4, 1968.

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TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-5328)

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : SA JAMES W. AWE

SUBJECT: FERRALL L. MC CORMICK
RM - K

Mrs. MC CORMICK, 5008 Highway 80 West, Jackson, Mississippi, advised this date that her husband, FERRALL L. MC CORMICK, is presently employed by the Noble Drilling Co. with offices in New Orleans. He works on an oil rig somewhere in the Gulf of Mexico and is not scheduled to return to Jackson until the first part of next week. She stated it is customary for him to work seven days and be off seven days.

A teletype has been sent to New Orleans this date requesting them to establish the whereabouts of MC CORMICK during the pertinent period of MARTIN LUTHER KING's assassination. New Orleans was requested to sutel information this date.

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verified McCormick
on oil rig 40 miles
in Gulf
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TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) -P
(157-2869)

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : SA BENJAMIN O. KEUTZER

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.;
RACIAL MATTER

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (44-New)(P)

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : SA BRENT W. WARBERG

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN
LUTHER KING, JR.
CR

The following investigation was conducted on 4/5/68 at Columbus, Mississippi by SA BRENT W. WARBERG:

The following persons were contacted at their respective hotels and motels and the registrations of these establishments were checked for 4/1-5/68 for the name JOHN WILLARD. The results of these checks were negative. The description of the Unsub in the above captioned incident was furnished to these individuals with negative results:

WILLIAM RUTLEDGE, Alexandra Hotel
DELORES MAXEY, Downtowner Motor Inn
Mrs. GUY RICHARDS, JR., Plaza Motel
Mrs. JOE SPINOSA, Travelers DeLuxe Motel

The following individuals were contacted at the following service stations concerning the Unsub and a white mustang in the above captioned incident. This investigation was negative:

JAMES TROTTER, Trotters Texaco
ED TRAPP, Trotters Texaco
TOM HOWELL, Riverview Gulf

The following investigation was conducted by SA Lynn P. SMITH:

The following managers of motels on U. S. Highway 45 N were contacted and records checked for 4/1-5/68 with negative results:

MIKE HAMMERS, Holiday Inn
KEGGIE ROSS, Heritage Motel

The following individuals were contacted at the following service stations on U. S. Highway 45 N concerning the Unsub and a white mustang in the above incident. This investigation was negative:

LESS HAMITER, DX Service
CURTIS FONDREN, Fondren Ser. Sta.
DEWEY STUCKEY, Holiday Gulf
JESSIE TOWNSEND, James Gulf
CECIL MING, Billups Ser. Sta.
JAMES DE HART, Direct Ser.
JACK COLLINS, Southland Ser. Sta.

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ROY FRANKLIN, Brumley Gulf
CLARENCE E. BUCHANAN, Buchanan's Shell Ser.
LARRY MC DANIELS, Enco Ser. Sta.
TOMMY FORSTER, Texaco Ser. Sta.
DENNIS HARMON, Phillips 66 Ser. Sta.

The following investigation was conducted by SA LAWRENCE W. GORMAN:

On 4/5/67, the following motels on Highway 82 East in Columbus, Mississippi, were contacted and records reviewed for registration from 4/1/68 through 4/4/68, in the name of JOHN WILLARD, with negative results:

RAY ADAMS
Columbus Motel

MAVIS HOLMAN
Ann Lee Motel

LILY OGLESBY
Mallard Motel

On 4/5/68, the following service stations on Highway 82 East, Columbus, Mississippi, were contacted with negative results :

Dave Coughlin
COUGHLIN GULF

Robert Wood
WOOD'S STANDARD STATION #2

C. D. Brown
MAIN STREET AMACO STATION

James Shepp
MAIN STREET DX STATION

W. K. Gandy
GANDY STANDARD SERVICE STATION

Buford Sparks
FRISCO AMERICAN SERVICE STATION



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RE: JOHN H. WILLARD
HERMAN DANIEL
PONTOTOC COUNTY PROBATIONERS

DEAR COLONEL BIRDSONG:

LAST WEEK JUDGE RAYMOND T. JARVIS, SENTENCED THE ABOVE SUBJECTS TO THREE YEARS PROBATION EACH FOR THE OFFENSE OF ARSON, WHICH RESULTED FROM THE SUBJECTS BURNING AN AUTOMOBILE IN PONTOTOC COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

ALTHOUGH BOTH WILLARD AND DANIEL WERE BORN IN PONTOTOC COUNTY, EACH AND THEIR FAMILIES HAVE RESIDED IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE OR VICINITY FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, AND AS IN THE CASE OF WILLARD, HIS PARENTS HAVE RESIDED OVER THE MISSISSIPPI STATE LINE, AT PLEASANT HILL, MISSISSIPPI.

A BRIEF FAMILY BACKGROUND IS LISTED FOR WILLARD AS FOLLOWS.

JOHN H. WILLARD IS ONE OF SEVEN LIVING CHILDREN BORN TO ENIS (AGE 54) AND MAMIE (AGE 48) WILLARD, PLEASANT HILL, MISSISSIPPI. SUBJECT'S MOTHER WAS AT A VERY EARLY AGE MARRIED TO THE SUBJECT'S UNCLE (NAME NOT KNOWN BY SUBJECT) AND WHO HAS BEEN DECEASED FOR MANY YEARS. SUBJECT'S MOTHER THEN MARRIED ENIS WILLARD (SUBJECT'S FATHER), BROTHER OF HER FIRST HUSBAND. ENIS WILLARD IS FARM FOREMAN FOR THE DUDLEY BRIDGFORTH FARM, PLEASANT HILL, MISSISSIPPI.

THE FOLLOWING SIBLINGS ARE LISTED.

LINDER WILLARD, AGE 26, 1553 FAIRFAX ST., MEMPHIS, TENN. (UPHOLSTERER)
FRANCES WILLARD, AGE 15, PLEASANT HILL, MISS. (SCHOOL)
SHIRLEY Q. WILLARD, AGE 12, PLEASANT HILL, MISS. (SCHOOL)
JUNE BLACK, AGE 24, 1521 HOPEWELL, MEMPHIS, TENN., (SEARS ROEBUCK CO.)
JEAN BULLIGHTON, AGE 24 (JUNE'S TWIN), HERMANDO, MISS. (HOUSEWIFE)
KENNETH WILLARD, AGE 18, PEACH ST., MEMPHIS, TENN. (HOUSEWIFE)
BETTY JOYCE WILLIAMS, AGE 22, PEACH ST., MEMPHIS, TENN. (HOUSEWIFE)

BETTY JOYCE WILLIAMS' HUSBAND IS ALSO AN UPHOLSTERER, AND ALL OF THE ABOVE SO LISTED AND INCLUDING JOHN H. WILLARD ARE EMPLOYED BY THE GAINES MANUFACTURING COMPANY, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. THE SUBJECT IS ETKEWISE AN UPHOLSTERER AND REPORTEDLY EARN AN AVERAGE OF \$20.00 PER WEEK WITH THE GAINES COMPANY.

THE 21 YEAR OLD JOHN H. WILLARD HAS BEEN LEGALLY MARRIED ONCE TO THE FORMER BARBARA NELLE DYE, LORUE, MISSISSIPPI, WITH ONE SON, RANDALL JOE WILLARD, 8 MONTHS OF AGE, BORN TO THEIR UNION. THEY RESIDE AT 1850 JEFFERSON ST., MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.



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(LTR. COL. T. B. BIRDSONG, DTD. 6-30-58, RE: JOHN H. WILLARD, AND
HERMAN DANIEL, PONTOTOC COUNTY PROBATIONERS)

A BRIEF FAMILY BACKGROUND IS LISTED FOR DANIEL AS FOLLOWS:

HERMAN DANIEL IS ONE OF TEN LIVING CHILDREN BORN TO LONNIE (DECEASED)
AND MAUDE LEE DANIEL (AGE 50), RT. 2, PONTOTOC, MISSISSIPPI.

THE FOLLOWING SIBLINGS ARE LISTED.

JAMES L. DANIEL, AGE 26, 1765 FAIRMONT ST., MEMPHIS, TENN. (MECHANIC)
CHARLES DANIEL, AGE 19, RT. 2, PONTOTOC, MISS. (DEAN MFG.CO. UPHOLSTERER)
PAULINE WILSON, AGE 26, CLOVERDALE DR., MEMPHIS, TENN. (LOEB LDY)
WILMER KELLEM, AGE 24, 3707 DUNN RD., MEMPHIS, TENN. (CARPENTER)
BERNICE PAYNE, AGE 23, LINDALE AVE., MEMPHIS, TENN. (INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER)
BETTY KAY DANIEL, AGE 17, RT. 2, PONTOTOC, MISS. (SCHOOL)
ROSIE DANIEL, AGE 14, RT. 2, PONTOTOC, MISS. (SCHOOL)
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THE SUBJECT HAS BEEN LEGALLY MARRIED ONCE TO THE FORMER MARY SUE
INMAN, BRUCE, MISSISSIPPI. THEY DO NOT HAVE ANY CHILDREN NOW,
BUT EXPECT ONE SHORTLY. THEY RESIDE AT 1765 FAIRMONT AVE., MEMPHIS,
TENNESSEE. THE 22 YEAR OLD HERMAN DANIEL IS EMPLOYED BY THE VALLEY
PRODUCTS COMPANY, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, AND REPORTEDLY E ARNS \$50.00
PER WEEK.

HERMAN DANIEL REPORTED THAT HE HAD AT ONE TIME BEEN ARRESTED FOR
DRUNKENNESS IN BATESVILLE, MISSISSIPPI AND HAD PAID A FINE FOR
THIS OFFENSE, LIKEWISE ONE SIMILAR OFFENSE AND FINE IN PONTOTOC,
MISSISSIPPI. REPORTEDLY, THIS CONSTITUTES HIS POLICE RECORD.

JOHN H. WILLARD REPORTED HIS ONLY FINE TO BE A NO DL OFFENSE IN
THE CITY OF MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE.

THE SUBJECTS WERE PHOTOGRAPHED AND FINGERPRINTED, AND SIGNED THEIR
PROBATION COURT ORDERS WHEREIN JUDGE JARVIS HAD ADDED A PROVISION
OF EXTRADITION.

I SHALL APPRECIATE YOUR REQUESTING THE CONSIDERATION OF THE STATE
OF TENNESSEE CONCERNING A PERMANENT PLACEMENT FOR THESE CASES.

SINCERELY YOURS,

ELDRIDGE M. DALEY
PROBATION AND PAROLE OFFICER

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TO: SAC, JN
From: SA Peter J. Ryan

4/5/68

RE: JOHN HUBERT WILLARD
File #6920
Probation and Parole Board
Jackson, Miss.

Above file reflects the following:

Subject sentenced 6/25/58 with HERMAN DANIEL to 3 years probation for the offense of arson which resulted from the subject's burning an automobile ~~and~~ in Pontotoc Co., Miss.

BACKGROUND OF WILLARD:

Born in Pontotoc Co., Miss. but his family has resided in Memphis, Tenn. or vicinity for number of years and also in Pleasant Hill, Miss. Subject father is ENIS, Age 54 in 1958, Mother MAMIE, age 48. Subject's father is Farm Foreman, for Dudley Bridgeforth Farm, Pleasant Hill, Miss (as of June, 1958).

The following are members of his family: (all info June, 1958):

LINDER WILLARD
1553 Fairfax St.,
Memphis, Tenn.
Occupation Upholsterer

FRANCES WILLARD, age 15
Pleasant Hill, Miss.

SHIRLEY Q. WILLARD, age 12
Pleasant Hill, Miss.

JANE BLACK, age 24
152 Hopewell
Memphis, Tenn.

JEAN BULLIGHTON, age 24
Hernando, Miss. (housewife)

KENNETH WILLARD, age 18
Peach St.
Memphis, Tenn.

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BETTY JOYCE WILLIAMS, age 22
Peach St.
Memphis, Tenn.

As of 6/58, all of the above including Subject are employed by the Gaines Manufacturing Co., Memphis (furniture manufacturer).

Subject has been married once to the former BARBARA NELLE DYE, Ecru, Miss., and they have one son, RANDALL JOE WILLIARD, 8 months hold in 6/58. At this time they resided 1850 Jefferson St., Memphis.

Description as of 6/58:

Name: JOHN HUBERT WILLIARD
Residence: 1850 Jefferson St., Memphis
DOB [REDACTED]
POB Pontotoc Co., Miss.
Complexion: Ruddy
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Gray
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 155
Build: Medium

Subject's probation term was ended 5/1/61.

The following addresses and employments were noted for subject in monthly probation reports:

12/22/58 - employed Gaines Manufacturing Co.,
~~Memphis, Tenn. 8/58 to 3/61~~
Employed 8/59 to 3/61 by Southern Industries
Furniture Manufacturers, Pontotoc, Miss.
Employed 5/3/61 by Maynard Manufacturing Co.,
Pontotoc, as machine operator.

Address as of 5/3/61 (last date noted in file) was
Route 1, Ecru, Miss.

While subject was in Memphis on probation from
Miss. he was under the supervision of Memphis Parole Officer
JOSEPH C. MITCHELL from approximately 7/28/58 to 12/22/58.

Subject was arrested with one HERMAN DANIEL for the above offense of arson in June, 1958. DANIEL is described as a W/M, [REDACTED] POB Lafayette Co., Miss., hair brown, eyes brown, height 5'9", 170 pounds, complexion ruddy. His residence as of 6/58 was 1765 Fairmont Ave., Memphis. His mother is MAUDE LEE DANIEL, address Rt. 2, Pontotoc, Miss. DANIEL was released from probation 6/25/62.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)
ATTENTION: SA THOMAS FITZPATRICK

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : SA JOHN DENNIS MILLER

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TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : SA JOHN S. CASTLES

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
RM

On 4/5/68, Mrs. JOAN EDWARDS, Secretary, Credit Bureau of Tupelo, Miss., advised that her records reveal that in January of 1964, inquiry was made concerning a JOHN M. WILLIARD, 2929 Bogan Drive, Tupelo, Miss., for Universal C.I.T. Her records revealed at that time WILLIARD was employed by FRED STRANGE Motor Co. in Tupelo.

On 4/5/68, FRED STRANGE, Owner, Fred Strange Motor Co., Inc., 811 Varsity Drive, Tupelo, Miss., advised that his records reveal that JOHN MILBURN WILLIARD, white male, who was born [REDACTED] 5'4", 110 pounds, black hair, brown eyes, was employed by him as a mechanic on 9/6/63, and left of his own volition 3/5/64. His last residence was 2929 Bogan Street, Tupelo, Miss.

Mr. STRANGE said prior to working for him WILLIARD worked for Sowers Motors, Inc., Rolla, Missouri; Druitt Motors, Sedalia, Missouri; Kinder Motors, Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

Mr. STRANGE said when WILLIARD left his employ he indicated that he was returning to Sedalia, Missouri. He said the last he heard which was approximately a year ago he believed that WILLIARD was working with one J. W. SHEPHERD, his former service manager in Tupelo, Miss., at a Volkswagen dealership in Kansas City, Mo.

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ACTIVITY LOG

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RM

April 4, 1968, at 7:55pm SA PUDDISTER received telephone call at residence from Desk #4 with instructions to assure each bombing suspect case agent verifies whereabouts of possible bombing suspects handled by Jackson assigned agents.

At 9:26pm. On duty at office. Verified that each SRA contacted with instructions to verify whereabouts of possible bombing suspects in RA territory.

9:51pm. SRA PROCTOR advised that six Meridian SAs on duty and had JOE DANIEL HAWKINS under close surveillance in Meridian. Individual with HAWKINS identified as WILLIAM PICKEL.

10:15pm. All major bombing suspects accounted for except CHARLES GREENE. See memo of SA PRICE, 4/5/68.

SA ROY MC DANIEL with M.B. Pierce at Jackson PD. Special detail Jackson PD on duty Lynch Street. THOMPSON'S TANK being moved into area on Lynch Street near Jackson State College.

11:13pm SA RABIDEAU reported MHSP at Rust College dispersed a group of about twenty students on Hway 78 near the college engaged in rock throwing at passing vehicles. Incident occurred between 8:30pm and 9:00pm, 4/4/68. Twenty Six MHSP men standing by plus county and city law enforcement. No further incidents.

11:14pm SA JACK WILSON reported all quiet at Alcorn A & M.

11:25pm SRA JOHN PROCTOR reported JOE DANIEL HAWKINS and Bill PICKEL arrested in Meridian by PD for driving on one way street. Two guns in HAWKINS red Chevrolet. Both fingerprinted and released to appear in traffic court. Guns retained by PD. PROCTOR to get SN and description of weapons.

11:30pm SA VAN NOTE reported minor disturbance at Mississippi Valley State College, Itta Bena. About 300 students, broken windows. All quiet at present. Campus officials handled. MHSP standing by.

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11:40pm SRA COTTEN was advised that Memphis telephone call to Jackson reported Memphis PD arrested MANUEL MARKUS LEVIN and ALEX HERDER. They claim to be students from Ole Miss. Background requested. (COTTEN obtained available info from Campus locator, Security Officer and PD. SAC JENSEN contacted with info and he advised that LEVIN and HERDER have been eliminated and info should be forwarded to Memphis via airtel.

NOTE: CALL COTTEN AND INSTRUCT AS ABOVE. he will obtain complete background in am, 4/5/68. He should dictate a/t to Memphis.

----- April 5, 1968, at 1:00am SA McDANIEL advised Lynch Street deserted, all quiet, Special Detail from PD released. Thompson's Tank returned to barn. M.B. PIERCE returned home. No injuries or arrests.

1:11am SA SAMMON reported in response to Miami teletype that he had located and interviewed BOB MCGOWAN. This info was furnished via telephone to SA JOSEPH HESTER, Memphis at 1:43am. SA SAMMON dictated a teletype with this information to Bureau and Memphis under 157-new "Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. - RM." Teletype sent 2:19am, 4/5/68.

2:28am SA EUGENE G. DOUGLASS at Memphis telephonically advised that JOHN WILLARD aka JOHN HUBEART (HUBERT) WILLARD identified as possible suspect was known to have obtained a room across street from assassination site. Present whereabouts unknown. Memphis PD arrest records disclose WILLARD arrested by PD in Memphis in 1958 on a charge of arson. He was released to the Pontotoc Sheriff's Office. Described as W/M, age 20 yrs in 1958, 5'11", 152 lbs. Parents listed as ENNIS And MAMIE WILLARD of Nesbit, Mississippi. SA DOUGLASS said FBI Memphis and PD enroute to Nesbit, Miss., as it is located just across line from Memphis. Requested Jackson contact SO Pontotoc for details and background.

2:34am no answer at Pontotoc SO.

2:37am SA JOHN CASTLES advised. He will contact SO for background.

LEAD: 2:41am telephone call from SIM WARE, student at Miss Valley State College. Said he would like to be contacted at the Athletic Dormitory of the college in the morning. Upon inquiry he said he heard that four students had been shot. (No report of such from MHSP.) WARE admitted he did not see the shooting.

4:11am SAC MOORE called. Said he just received call from Bureau Supv DICK LONG who furnished info to SAC re WILLARD.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

DATE: 4/5/68

FROM : SA JAMES O. INGRAM

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
RM

At 6:31 P.M., SA INGRAM arrived at his residence, at which time it was learned through news media that MARTIN LUTHER KING had been shot at Memphis, a little after 6:00 P.M., and was in critical condition. It was later determined that he had died in a local hospital in Memphis. The Jackson Office was contacted and instructions were given to immediately contact all Senior RA's, and each SRA would immediately account for their bombing suspects and subjects having a propensity for violence.

SA PUDDISTER was contacted and he stated he would handle the list of bombing suspects and Agents to whom assigned would be immediately contacted, and those Agents would account for their suspects.

SA FITZ PATRICK was contacted and was dispatched to the office to handle the racial intelligence, as well as assist PUDDISTER in the assassination case. Selected Agents were advised to immediately contact their informants, Klan and Negro. Immediate investigation was instituted in this matter.

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TO DIRECTOR, JACKSON AND MEMPHIS
FROM MIAMI (100-15079)

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Date 4/18/68

Title and Character of Case

MURKIN.
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Date Property Acquired

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Source From Which Property Acquired

BILL MC LAUGHLIN, SOUTHAVEN MINNOW SHOP

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit

BULKY EXHIBIT ROOM

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same

EVIDENCE

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same SA JAMES SAMMON

- 1- Brown paper bag.
- 2- Schlitz Beer Can.

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